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	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	1	-Percent- 24	70	5

	Range/Pasture Conditions for the Month of February 2005 and February 2004				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
February 2005	3	17	-Percent- 13	30	37
February 2004	6	22	58	14	0
Regions					
North	10	14	21	41	14
Central/Southwest	0	27	3	11	59
Southeast	2	2	21	53	22
Elevation					
Low	6	17	5	28	44
Mid	7	16	26	26	25
High	0	10	17	53	20

	Crop Progress			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Durum Wheat			-Percent-	
- Headed	10	7	4	7
Barley				
- Headed	15	12	12	12

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending March 12. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Gila Bend and Willcox to 7 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Yuma while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 22 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Safford received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.02 inches and Casa Grande received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.54 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

### Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, green onions, herbs, mixed greens, parsley, and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach last

week. Lettuce shipments included iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges and tangerines last week.

### Cattle, Stock Water, Soil Moisture, and Insect Conditions

February continued to provide good moisture in many areas of the State. Range conditions show much improvement from a year ago. Stock water and soil moisture are adequate for this time of the year. Cattle were in mostly good condition. Insect damage was light.

North region cattle condition was fair. Stock water and soil moisture were adequate and there was light insect damage. The Central region cattle condition was good. Stock water was adequate to surplus. Soil moisture was adequate. Insect damage was light. Southeast cattle condition were in fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was light.

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March 6 - 12, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	43	4	72	30	0.00	4.93	1.69
Casa Grande	60	3	88	42	0.54	4.42	1.96
Coolidge	59	2	87	40	0.00	4.69	2.34
Douglas	53	2	79	33	0.13	4.77	1.63
Flagstaff	36	7	63	22	0.00	11.27	5.72
Gila Bend	63	1	88	42	0.25	3.09	1.83
Grand Canyon	37	7	65	25	0.10	7.78	4.09
Kingman	50	4	73	35	0.00	7.16	2.93
Parker	63	4	89	46	0.00	4.18	1.84
Payson	46	5	73	30	0.05	12.10	5.75
Phoenix	63	4	88	49	0.07	5.13	2.06
Prescott Airport	44	7	72	32	0.03	6.68	2.98
Safford Ag Center	54	2	79	33	0.02	3.76	1.81
Tucson	59	3	87	39	0.04	2.79	2.23
Willcox	52	1	76	34	0.12	3.73	2.36
Winslow	45	5	77	31	0.08	3.11	1.23
Yuma	65	6	91	51	0.00	2.25	0.78

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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